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1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS, ECON COUNSELOR
ASKED FONOFF DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY WANDEL-PETERSEN
WHETHER YUGOSLAVS HAD APPROACHED DANISH GOVERNMENT RE-
GARDING THEIR CONCERNS OVER YUGOSLAV/EC TRADE DEVELOPMENTS.
WANDEL-PETERSEN SAID THAT THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR HAD
RECENTLY MADE A DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN ECONOMIC MINISTER
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IVAR NORGAARD AND ALSO TALKED TO HIM SUBSEQUENTLY, BUT

VERY BRIEFLY, ON THE SUBJECT.

2. WANDEL-PETERSEN MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE MINISTRY WAS NOT GIVING THE YUGOSLAV PROBLEM SERIOUS ATTENTION. HE SAID THAT, BECAUSE OF NORGAAARD'S PERSONAL INTEREST, THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS IS ON PORTUGAL AND WHAT CAN BE DONE FOR THAT COUNTRY IN THE EC CONTEXT (SEE SEPTEL. HE SAID THE DANES BELIEVE THE COMMUNITY IS DOING AS MUCH FOR YUGOSLAVIA NOW AS IS POSSIBLE. THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE PROSPECT FOR LIFTING THE BEEF IMPORT BAN AND THE DANES BELIEVE THE YUGOSLAVS ARE ENJOYING CONSIDERABLE BENEFITS FROM EC PREFERENTIAL DUTIES.

3. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AGREED THAT PORTUGAL WAS A SERIOUS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAM BUT NOTED THAT THE FATE OF YUGOSLAVIA WAS ALSO IMPORTANT BOTH FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE U.S. HE SAID WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE YUGOSLAVS THAT THEY MAY HAVE TO REORIENTATE THEIR TRADE TOWARD THE EAST. WANDEL-PETERSEN SAID THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR IMPLIED AS MUCH IN HER PRESENTATION BUT HE SAW NO WAY AT PRESENT BY WHICH THE COMMUNITY COULD DO ANYTHING MORE TO HELP YUGOSLAV EXPORTS TO THE EC.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE BELIEVE IT IS SAFE TO PREDICT THAT NO FAVORABLE INITIATIVES TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA CAN BE EXPECTED FROM THE DANES. THEY WOULD, HOWEVER, PROBABLY GO ALONG WITH AN EC CONSENSUS BUT, EVEN HERE, WANDEL-PETERSEN SAW NO PROSPECTS FOR ANYTHING FAVORABLE.
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